

**REMARKS**

The amendment made to the specification serves to insert priority information.

Claim 1 has been cancelled by this amendment. New claims 2-22 have been added.  
Claims 2-22 are currently pending.

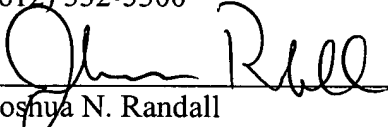
Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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